

A special meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Rosemarie Ives at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to notice, in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers present were: Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Paine, Resha, Robinson, and Vache.

ORDINANCE: ADOPT INTERIM SIGN REGULATIONS RELATING TO
FREESTANDING SIGNS FOR RESIDENTIAL USES

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the Council dated March 22, 2005, recommended adoption of the emergency interim zoning regulation regarding the display of freestanding signs within residential zoning districts.

The Mayor invited James E. Haney, The City Attorney, to give a brief overview of the proposed ordinance in view of the massive response voiced by the professional real estate community. He noted that Ordinance No. 2253, which addressed portable signs, was adopted at the regular City Council meeting of March 15, 2005. He explained that the ordinance before the Council would address freestanding signs. This ordinance would allow in single-family residential lots, one freestanding sign of a specific size; specific set-back; specific height; and would allow one freestanding sign of a larger size with different set-backs, etc., for multiple dwelling unit complexes. He further stated that if approved, this ordinance would not discriminate upon content and would treat all commercial speech the same.

Councilmember Resha stated that there will be a public hearing on both ordinances on May 3, 2005.

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Mr. Resha, to adopt Ordinance No. 2254, Emergency interim zoning regulation imposing limitations on the display of freestanding signs within specified residential zoning districts.

Ordinance No. 2254, Adopting an interim zoning regulation pursuant to RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390; amending Chapter 20D.160.10 of the Redmond Community Development Guide; imposing limitations on the display of freestanding signs within specified residential zoning districts; setting forth findings in support of said limitations; declaring an emergency; setting a public hearing date; and providing for immediate effect, was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Paine, Resha, Robinson, and Vache voted aye. Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

PUBLIC HEARING - CONTINUED FROM MARCH 15, 2005 - DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSED MICROSOFT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (quasi-judicial)

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

Rob Odle, Policy Planning Manager, explained that the purpose of continuing the public hearing was for Council to be able to receive information on the Microsoft Development Agreement and to continue to have communication with staff to obtain more information before the deliberation process. He clarified that Council could not take action on the proposal before them for two reasons: Council would need to direct staff to prepare a resolution for Council consideration, and the appeal by the City of Bellevue is still in the process of being resolved.

He clarified that the Microsoft Development Agreement added to the review process and does not remove the need for Site Plan Entitlement. Likewise it does not replace the BROTS agreement and added that the proposal is consistent and takes into account the BROTS agreement. He emphasized that BROTS is a standing agreement between Redmond and the City of Bellevue and that the Microsoft Development Agreement is consistent with that agreement and follows the process as set forth in that agreement.

Mr. Odle noted that within the packet that Council had received, was supplemental information requested by the Council and that it also contained additional written comments from the public that had been received since the March 15, 2005 City Council meeting.

General discussion took place over the matrix Mr. Odle provided, entitled 'Modifications to MSDA.' Some of the comments and clarifications expressed by Council were:

- o Vacant properties that were in the Overlake area would still have the ability to develop in the future
- o Clarification over the 100,000 square foot buffer and how it relates to the BROTS developmental cap and the development agreement proposal submitted by Nintendo

- o Concern over the Transportation Demand Management Review Process in view of the comments received by Microsoft employees
- o Discussion on 'exploratory' means of transportation with Microsoft, i.e. outsource Microsoft's private shuttle service so the general public may use it
- o Explanation over the proposed additional parking stalls and the calculations used to determine the number of stalls
- o Stormwater quality standards might change on a state and federal level and that Microsoft would not be immune to those changes if they occur
- o Concern over the proposed language regarding construction of the NE 36th Street overpass and the need for implementation of this project for the public benefit
- o Possible inclusion of a non-motorized path or corridor to be included within the agreement to provide a link for all modes of transportation
- o The need for additional water and sewer capacity analysis and the additional improvements that may be necessary at the site plan entitlement stage
- o Funding of the sewer trunkline and the disputed costs between the City and Microsoft

The Mayor announced that the public hearing would continue until April 5, 2005, at 8:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the special meeting at 9:30 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK